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Jennifer McCormick Celebrates Birthday

Jennifer McCormick celebrated her 7th birthday with a party at A. J. Skateworld Thursday night of last week. Attending were, in photo left to right, Cathryn Ballowe, Shelia Woodson, Julie Leitner, Shannon Jamerson, Joey Moore, "Jennifer", Keith Martin, T. W. Ballowe, Scott Almond. Attending, but not in photo, were Jeff Moore, Gary Moore and Todd Moore, Teresa, Pete and Kathy Riley, Melinda and Joan Robertson, Faber Jamerson and Tim Woodson.

Receives 10 Year Pin

Mrs. Frances Guill is shown receiving the Department of Interior 10-Year Length-of-Service pin from Park Superintendent Luis E. Garcia-Carbelo. Frances has been working with the park maintenance staff since March 17, 1968. Other members of the park staff were present for the occasion.

OAKVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Covington celebrated Mrs. Garland Burcher's birthday Sunday. Later in the evening cake and punch were served. Those attending the birthday celebration in addition to the honoree were: Mr. Garland Burcher, Mr. Jimmy Burcher, Mr. Michael Burcher, Mr. and Mrs. Murrell Jordon and Katherine, Mrs. Jessee Campbell, Teresa, Tommy Todd, Eva Moore, Curtis Moore, Mrs. Clarence Weston of Red Oak, Virginia, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Walker Moore, Le, and Stacy, Mr. Mark Covington, Marjorie Mae, and Miss Teresa Lucas.

Mrs. William Burcher who has been ill seems better. Her daughter Mrs. Curtis Seal, from Montgomery, Alabama is visiting her mother.

WTTX Receives Three Awards

The Virginia Network, a state radio news service heard locally on WTTX, has received three awards for outstanding news reporting from The Virginia UPI Broadcasters Association.

VN News Director, Ed Swindler, was commended for the Networks' coverage of the death of U. S. Senate Candidate Richard Obenshain and the Pari-mutuel Betting issue.

State Capital Correspondent, George Bowles, won an award for his week end program "The Virginia Story."

The UPI Broadcasters met March 17th in Richmond.

The Virginia Network provides news and sports programming to 40 radio stations across the state.

The Pastor Speaks

We battle with ourselves--groping in our fog-drenched minds for the answers to the questions of tomorrow.

Someday,
when the time is right
we will find these answers
and rejoice in the knowledge
of our time.

The young person who wrote this poem has spoken so well of the situation we are all in. Every day there are questions to answer and problems to be solved. They may be questions of mere survival -- how to pay the bills, will the food I have last until my next Social Security check comes? Will I be able to stay warm through the cold nights? And for those who are fortunate enough not to have to worry over these basic necessities, there are still other problems -- children's behavior, business decisions, and on and on.

St. Paul knew this situaiton, too. He wrote to the Christians in Corinth about the problems their new church was facing, immorality, sexual matters, food laws, spiritual gifts. At the end of Chapter 13 in I Corinthians, the favorite "love" chapter, he writes: "Our knowledge is imperfect, and our prophecy is imperfect; but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away. When I was a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became a man I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood."

Paul reminds us that we are not all knowing, that we will have questions and problems all our lives. But he also gives us hope that eventually we will see clearly that which is now in a fog and we will more fully understand what he has planned for us. And it is that hope which gives us the courage to carry on, both in the little problems we face each day and in the major crisis that come up in our lives. "For faith, hope and love abide, these three, but the greatest is love."

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The Bible And Daily Living

By Dr. William L. Trimyer

THE BODY AND MORALITY

Lesson for March 25, 1979

Focal Passages: I Cor. 6:15-20; 7:2-7

"Do you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have received as a gift from God? You are not your own; for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. I Cor. 6:19-20

The Most Precious Gift

Our bodies are the most precious gift we possess. They are to be handled with great care, not abused. God intended that we live healthy and happy lives, but unless we exercise caution in what we do to and with our bodies we may meet a bad end.

Bodily abuse is a major "social disease" in our day. We abuse our bodies through overeating, overdrinking, popping pills, and such destructive habits as smoking. There seems to be no end to ways some of us bring harm to our physical condition.

If the body is a gift of God, and if the body is meant to be the dwelling pace of God, as Paul suggests, then in order for God to live fully through us our bodies must be relatively healthy.

I had a friend in seminary who got caught in a religious cult. He lost twenty pounds and his eyes began to have that "sinking" look. He came to me one day and said, "Bill, Jesus told me to stop eating so that I can better serve him." I responded, "David, if you don't start eating you won't be around to serve Jesus." I saw to it that he received psychiatric help. The next time I saw he was living in the "real" world.

A Personal Morality

Paul wrote to the Corinthians about the problems of moral indifference. There seemed to be a lackadaisical attitude towards immoral behavior within the fellowship. So Paul writes to express his shock and anger.

What we do to and with our bodies is of great importance. Our bodies are gifts from God that ought to be handled as such, for life is a gift pure and simple. Christ is concerned with our physical being as well as with our spiritual beinz. The two are really inseparable. What we do with our bodies affects our spiritual nature. We may as easily say that our spiritual conditions will also affect our physical conditions. The body is a highly complex organism; it is affected for better or for worse by attitude, sin, and broken relationships. Until our attitudes change, until sin is forgiven, until broken relationships are mended, we may never experience healthiness and wholeness. Doctors and medicines are necessary to aid us in our pilgrimage towards well-being, but they are not miracle workers. We have to assume responsibility for our physical natures by taking care of ourselves. The brokenness we feel within may never be mended until we settle the brokenness without.

Of course, Paul is denouncing the Corinthians who seem to tolerate immoral behavior within the church. He was getting at the brokenness that existed within and between some of the members of the church. Some of these members were engaging in illicit sexual relationships. This raises another issue, namely, that there are other ways to abuse our bodies, as well as the bodies of other persons.

Paul does not merely moralize when he talks about refraining from immoral sexual affairs. He is trying to point out that such actions do not fit into God's divine scheme. Paul is not talking about temptation at this point. It is not a sin to be tempted or to admire the attractiveness of another person. It becomes sin when we put into actual practice our temptations and go against our commitments. Flippant sex is a sin against a person's own body, as well as the body of another. To use another person's body and exploit it for one's own gratification is grossly despiritualizing and dehumanizing.

And What of Marriage?

Why does Paul all of a sudden bring up marriage? It almost sounds like Paul is encouraging marriage as a tool to escape temptation. But that would be the wrong reason for a person to marry. Nevertheless, Paul did have a lofty view of marriage. He gave to husband and wife equal rights. Was Paul himself married? We'll never know, I suppose. Some think he was at one time and became a widower. When he wrote the Corinthians he was single. Whatever Paul thought, marriage can be a rewarding adventure that captures all the good things like security, love, warmth, fun and joy.

(Dr. Trimyer is pastor of Elon Baptist Church in Pamplin City, Va.)

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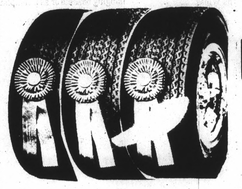
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Show Hound Injured In Steel Trap

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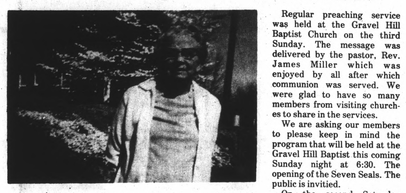
There have been other dogs belonging to Mitchell and other deer and fox hunters who have suffered the misfortune to have been caught in a steeltrap, causing sufering and permanent damage.

Any pet, dog or otherwise, is a candidate for serious injury should they cross the path of the steel trap set by trappers.

The SPCA is also making a thorough investigaiton into the useless cruelty suffered by not only beautiful, but expensive animals.

Anyone interested in the matter to the point of having a law passed by the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors whereby trapping would be out-lawed in Appomattox, please contact Vernell Mitchell, P.O. Box 274, Appomattox, Va.



Receives Congratulations From President

Mrs. Overton Moore, who will celebrate her 90th birthday on March 25, 1979, has received congratulations from President and Mrs. Jimmy Carter.

The card she received read as follows, "We are pleased to congratulate you on your birthday. You have our best wishes for happiness on this special day and in the year to come. Rosalyn Carter - Jimmy Carter." She was quite pleased to have received this message.

BECKHAM

March 19 - Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tweedy, Michelle and Tracey are spending this week in Florida. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. James Tweedy, Mrs. Gertrude Burge and Kevin Moore.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin over the week end was their grandson, E. W. Martin, Jr. and great grandaughter Shannon Jamerson.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin, E. W. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Martin, Jr., Mrs. Sonny Carter and Karen Carter were Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Martin. Visiting in the afternoon were Mrs. Geraldine Moore, Gwen Moore and Sandra Doss.

Sandra Doss spent the week end with Gwen Moore.

Mr. Robert Morris and Mrs. S. G. Martin visited Mr. Charles Martin in Lynchburg General Hospital Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Stallings and girls visited Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Moore and Timmy Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Schmutz and family, Mrs. H. C. Moore, Mrs. Alfred Martin and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Everette Moore, Mrs. Mason Banton, Mr. and Mrs. Vic Banton and Torri, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris, Melanie Morris and Mrs. S. G. Martin went to Roanoke Sunday evening to see the ice capades.

Mr. Herman Moore Jr. visited here Friday morning. Mrs. Herman Moore, Jr. visited her brother Mr. Charles Martin in Lynchburg General Hospital.

Catholic Church Services Being Held At Oakville School

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church is now holding services each Sunday at 9 a.m. at the Oakville School building at Oakville.

For additional information, call a352-8620.

Members and friends are invited to attend.

HURTSVILLE NEWS

Regular preaching service was held at the Gravel Hill Baptist Church on the third Sunday. The message was delivered by the pastor, Rev. James Miller which was enjoyed by all after which communion was served. We were glad to have so many members from visiting churches to share in the services.

We are asking our members to please keep in mind the program that will be held at the Gravel Hill Baptist this coming Sunday night at 6:30. The opening of the Seven Seals. The public is invitied.

On the second Saturday night, April 14th at 6:00 the Rev. Leonard Uville from Rustburg will preach at the Gravel Hill Baptist Church for the benefit of the usher board. Sponsor, Mr. Leroy Woolridge. Come one, come all.

April 15, 1979 there will be a talent program at the Gravel Hill Baptist Church. Sponsor Mrs. Bertha White.

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Zion Baptist

A large crowd of members and friends attended the regular preaching service held at the Zion Baptist Church Sunday at 11 a.m. Rev. Lacy Allen was in charge of the devotion. Rev. H. O. Flood was the speaker for the hour. His subject was "Leaning on Jesus." All present enjoyed the challenging message. The Junior Choir rendered beautiful music under the direction of Mrs. Rebecca Ferguson. The Male Chorus sang several selections. The offering was very good. Rev. Raymond Turner was present and gave special remarks. Rev. Turner is pastoring at the St. Mark Baptist Church in Amherst. Mrs. Mary Chapper Brown is still on the sick list. She is now at home in Pamplin.

Deacon Current Walker is in a Lynchburg hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Rev. & Mrs. Lacy Allen were the week end guest of her parents, Deacon and Mrs. Frank Johnson.

The Rev. Charles Lewis, of Madison Heights, Va., will preach at the Zion Baptist Church the first Sunday in April at 11 a.m.

We are praying for the sick everywhere.

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